



BETHANY BUGLE



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Looking for a **summer job**? We have a great opportunity for you! This summer is your chance to be a part of **Bethany's Summer Day Camp**. We are looking for mature believers in Christ, who have a passion for children. Applicants must be able to make an 8 week commitment, be going into the 11th grade or higher by Sept. 2014, have lots of energy and be willing and ready to **serve the Lord**. Application forms can be found on the table by the mail slots. Deadline for application is **March 1, 2014**. You can hand your completed application to Kathleen Van Hoffen. If you are interested or would like more information talk to Lauren Dam or Kathleen Van Hoffen or e-mail summercamp@bethanycrc.ca.

Please keep this ministry in your prayers! ☺

Who is God & What Difference does His truth make in my life?

Are you looking for a Bible Study Group? This group will be meeting once a month in a Pot-luck Dinner/Bible Study type setting where children are welcome to come along. We will meet Sunday evening starting at 4:00pm until 7:30pm (March 2nd is the start date). We will all share a meal together and afterwards the adults will take part in a Bible study while the younger children are cared for by the older ones. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pete/Denise Glasbergen at 905-892-2350.



Calling All Cooks!

I'm looking for your "family favourites" recipes to feature in my cookbook! You know, those yummy dishes that your family NEVER complains about when supper's ready! All recipe categories are welcome (soup, salad, mains, vegetarian, etc). I'm inviting all families to submit their recipes, either in my mail slot or email me at sonyavandriel@ymail.com. Remember to put your name on it and which category it belongs in (ie. appetizer) and hand it in by the end of February/early March. 100% of the proceeds from my cookbook will go to the "Wheels for VanDriels" fundraising campaign, an effort to raise funds for a wheelchair accessible van for Dylan! Thank you for your support! Sonya Van Driel.



Dear Ladies of Bethany,

We at Martindale Place are making squares for Blankets for Africa to give to Devon VanHoffen. If any of you ladies have odds and ends of wool laying around that you have no use for, could we have it for square. Thanks you. Please contact Joanne Zwier or Betty Vahrmeyer.

School News

NACE SPRING DINNER: SAVE the DATE-- April 5th! It will be held at Smithville Christian High, 6488 Smithville Road, Smithville. Catered by the Desjardins and served to YOU by NACE Board members. More details to come SOON! We hope to see YOU there!

Classis Winter Retreat – February 21-22, 2014

6 Days of Prayer

Day 1: Sun. Feb 16

Scripture: Acts 1:4-7; 2:1-4

Read through the two passages. Reflect on how you see the Spirit at work in your life—bringing you to faith, empowering you to share the gospel, leading in your church. Reflect on times you’ve seen or experienced the Holy Spirit at work in or through our churches and classis. Pray, thanking God for the work and power of the Spirit—and pray that Classis Niagara may be even more open to the Spirit’s guidance and power.

Day 2: Mon. Feb 17

Scripture: Acts 15:36-41

Read through the passage. Read through it slowly a second time. What is your reaction to the passage? What disagreements have you recently been in that you need to bring before God? Read through the passage a third time. Pray for the classis—for healing from past disagreements and for the Spirit’s power to work through future disagreements.

Day 3: Tues. Feb 18

Scripture: Romans 12:1-8

Read through the passage. What gift(s) do you bring to the classis? That is, how do you contribute to the life of the body? Read through the passage again. Think of three people who use their gifts well and willingly in the classis. As your pray, write them a note of encouragement or thanks. Pray that God continue to use them to build up his body at Classis Niagara.

Day 4: Wed. Feb 19

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11

Read through the passage. Describe Paul’s feelings for the Philippian church. What is he particularly thankful for? Read through the passage again. In what ways are you thankful for Classis Niagara? Write a paragraph of thanksgiving concerning our classis. Pray for Classis Niagara, using the passage and your paragraph.

Day 5: Thurs. Feb 20

Scripture: Numbers 6:22-27

Read through this passage. Picture a sunny day where you enjoyed basking in the sunlight. Now, experience this as the love of God in your life. Basking in God’s love—look at the following questions:

—Do you see or feel how the Classis retreat may help us discern where God is at work in our classis? How might God use the process to direct us toward maximum “spiritual effectiveness” in ministry?

—What good results may come from this process? What concerns do you have for the process?

After you jot down some thoughts for the Classis Niagara Retreat, turn to the passage again. Now pray the blessing on behalf of our classis.

Day 6: Fri. Feb 21

Scripture: Psalm 139: 23, 24

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead in the way everlasting.

Reflect on this verse today as you prepare for the retreat. We pray for safety as you travel to join us.

Other News

Coffee Break: Once again on Tuesday morning we will meeting here at Grace CRC for our study on the book "Hospitality"

Our study continues with the "The Art of Hospitality" based on Psalm 146. In your community, what are the things, people or places people put their trust in? Read Psalm 146. Coffee will be ready by 9:15. (I think :) an we start promptly at 9:30 or will we???? :)

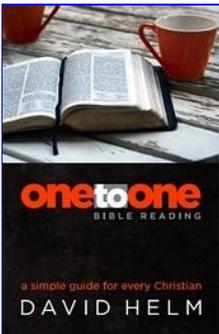
St. Catharines Right to Life Dinner: Sat., Feb. 22 at John-Michael's Banquet Hall, Hwy. 58, Thorold. Reception 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker Michael Coren, "A Journalist for Life." Tickets: \$45, Students \$25, call Nancy 905-563-7096 or RTL office 905-684-7505. www.ChooseLife.ca

Bereavement Support Groups: Have you or has someone you know, lost a loved one and are in need of support and encouragement in the grief journey. The Niagara Coping Centre in Jordan Station will be starting its next support sessions beginning in early March. We offer groups based on need, for people who have lost their spouse, parents who have lost a child, children who have lost a loved one and anyone else who may be grieving the death of someone close. Group run for 8 – 9 weeks and deal with multiple aspects of the grief journey. Please feel free to call Liz VanS-taalduinien at 905-562-3503 for more information.

5th Annual HAMILTON PLACE CONCERT – April 12, 2014, DV

Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir

Tickets are now available for the annual combined Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert which will once again be held, the Lord willing, at Hamilton Place on Saturday, April 12 at 7:30pm. In addition to our regular line-up of musicians of John Vanderlaan (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), Joyce Postmus (Piano), Scott Harrison & Shawn Spicer (trumpets), the concert will also feature Corey Gemmell (Violin), and Marco Hoorn (Baritone from Urk, the Netherlands). Tickets are available at \$15 & \$25. To obtain your tickets, contact a choir member, or contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or email her at hdenhollander@yahoo.com. <http://www.hosanna-choir.org/>

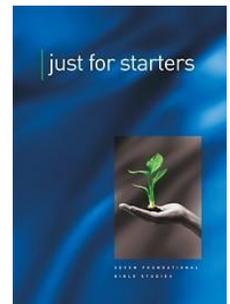


"One to One Bible Reading" A simple guide for every Christian.

Does the idea of a large group of people gathering to discuss the Bible and growing in faith overwhelm you or cause an anxious pit to develop in your stomach? Maybe there is a person in your life that you would like to get to have a more real and honest relationship and you don't know where to start? Here is a great resource for you that can be a useful tool for you to get into God's Word with one other person who is also committed to meeting together. Rather than relying on another church program to engage new people, maybe One to One Bible Reading is a place for the gospel to grow! "Why read the bible one to one with another person? When people are exposed to God's word, they find salvation in Christ, they are sanctified in their faith, trained for

effective ministry and find community in a web of relationships that are unlike any other the world has to offer."

LiFE groups: Do you know of someone who is a new Christian? Where can you be an instrument in God's hands to share the good news with someone in your life? Take a look at this Just for Starters Study that walks through seven foundational bible studies! This is a helpful tool if you are wanting to understand what Christianity is all about! See Nicole for details.



Rose City Kids Fundraising Banquet

We are extending an invitation for you to attend our **6th Annual Rose City Kids Fundraising Banquet**. Tickets are \$30pp in advance . We will also be having a free will offering and a silent auction the evening of. The night promises to be an amazing one with great stories from our kids and volunteers as well as an excellent meal! Please let us know if you are interested in attending. We would love to see you there! Limited Seating thanks

When: March 22, 2014

Where: Riverstone Event Centre (Welland)

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$30 (plus free will offering the evening of)

Semi formal

*delicious meal*candy bar*silent auction*

contact cathy@rosecitykids.com or phone 905 788 9800 for ticket info



CRC Denomination

CALVIN COLLEGE - Registration for the Festival of Faith and Writing (April 10-12) is open! Speakers include Anne Lamott, James McBride, Bret Lott, G. Willow Wilson, Miroslav Volf, Rachel Held Evans, Gene Luen Yang, and many more (<http://festival.calvin.edu/plan/speakers/>). To register, or to learn more, visit festival.calvin.edu or email questions to ffw@calvin.edu.

WORLD MISSIONS - For the opportunity of a lifetime -- teach abroad! Christian teachers are needed around the world. Consider impacting hearts and minds for God's Kingdom as an educator. View open possibilities and partnership opportunities with Christian Reformed World Missions at www.crwmm.org/teaching.

WORLD MISSIONS - It's Poster Time! Christian Reformed World Missions' 2014 poster contest has begun. Create a poster with a missions theme and send it in to CRWM by April 11. Themes, guidelines, and submission forms are available at www.crwmm.org/postercontest.

GROUNDWORK - Law or Grace? Do we follow the biblical law or not? Some Bible verses seem to say yes, while others indicate it's not enough. On this week's Groundwork program we'll seek clarity to this question by digging into some seemingly contradictory texts. Join the conver-

sation – find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - A Trail of Lies: Have you ever told a lie, and then had to tell another—and another—to cover up the first lie? That's what happens to Scooter on this week's Kids Corner. Go to www.kidscorner.net to find out what happens, and then check out the website for devotions, puzzles and more.

FREE WEBINAR - Join us on Feb. 26 for "Copyrights and Worship" presented by Diane Dykgraaf. As new technology becomes available, the church must be cautious to use digital resources without copyright infringement. This webinar will provide practical assistance and advice for worship leaders, committees, pastors, and musicians regarding the legal use of music, prayers, and litanies in worship. For details and registration for this free, one-hour event visit crcna.org/webinars

GEMS - Get Connected (GEMS) Camp is looking for young women (college-age) to serve as counsellors for one incredible week (Aug 2-8, 2014). Do you know someone who is done high school, loves Jesus, and would be a great leader for a group of middle school girls? Get her to apply at gemsgc.org under the "Events" tab. An honorarium will be given upon completion.

WORLD RENEW DRS - Volunteer in High River, Alberta, where flooding in June 2013 left many homes unsafe to inhabit. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is helping families who need it most and cannot rebuild on their own. Though it's cold outside, the work is indoors—and the fellowship is warm! Please consider volunteering at the reconstruction site in High River by yourself, with your spouse or with a small group. Food and lodging are provided and some travel expenses may be reimbursed. Reconstruction experience is not required. Contact 800-848-5818 or drs@worldrenew.net to get started, or visit worldrenew.net/drs for more

details.

WORLD RENEW Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Update - Thank you for your prayers and financial gifts in support of World Renew's response to the horrific typhoon that struck the Philippines on Nov. 8. We are happy to report that as of Jan. 30, we had received just over \$4.1 million for our response. World Renew has already provided emergency food, water, kitchen utensils, hygiene items, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, kitchen stoves, fuel, generators, and trauma counseling to 3,973 families. We are now entering phase three of our response which will include supplying fishing boats and nets for those who lost livelihoods and rebuilding damaged homes. For more information or to watch a short powerpoint presentation about the first three months of this response, visit worldrenew.net/haiyan.

SENEGAL, NIGER, MALI - These three countries have 18 month volunteer opportunities to work alongside WORLD RENEW staff, helping to implement their programs and learning from practical involvement. Candidates would be eligible for financial grants with some fund raising necessary. Details on each position can be found at www.worldrenew.net or contact volunteer@crcna.org

BLESS OUR MISSIONARIES! - The Central America CRCNA missionaries annually attend a spiritual retreat to build community with each another and be encouraged in their work. This year the retreat is in Nicaragua and the missionaries' kids are hoping some awesome leaders are willing to come and hang out with them for that week, to lead some fun and meaningful activities, plus care for them when their parents are in sessions. Do you have a heart for kids and would love an opportunity to not only bless their lives, but also that of their parents? Then come to Nicaragua from April 11 - 17! For details see www.crwmm.org or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

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